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ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES OF FUNDS UNDER MPLADS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has received complaints of alleged irregularities of funds under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS);

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government in this regard;

(c) The number of officers against whom action has been taken on the basis of such complaints during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) The steps taken by the Union Government to check misutilisation of funds and to ensure timely implementation of the projects/works under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) Yes sir.

(b)&(c)The details are given in the enclosed statement.

(d)To check misutilisation of funds and to ensure timely implementation of the projects/works under the scheme, the Guidelines on MPLADS have been comprehensively revised. It has been stipulated in para 6.3 of the Guidelines that a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary/Development Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary should review MPLADS implementation progress with the district authorities and MPs at least once in a year. The nodal Department Secretary and other Administrative Department Secretaries should also participate in such meetings. The State/UT Government will review

(a) the utilization of funds by the district authority and

(b) the audit objections and issues arising out of the audit and utilization certificates. The State Government may make arrangement for training of district officers concerned with the implementation of the MPLAD Scheme.

Preferably 12 months time has been indicated in the Guidelines for execution of sanctioned works.

MPLADS works monitoring software has been operationalised.